

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

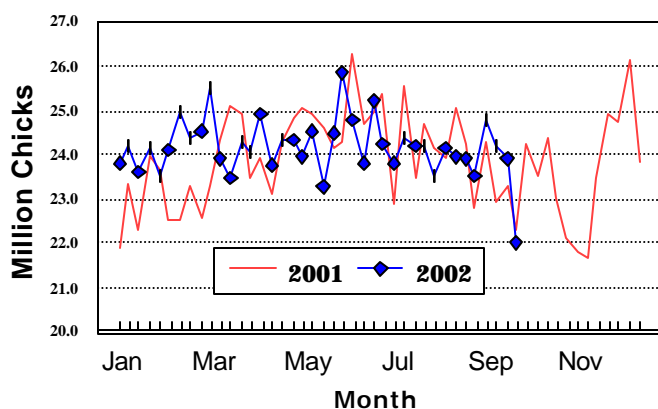
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.0 million during the week ending October 5, 2002. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and also down 8 percent from the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 5, 2002 were 967.0 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.3 million, down 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and also down 5 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

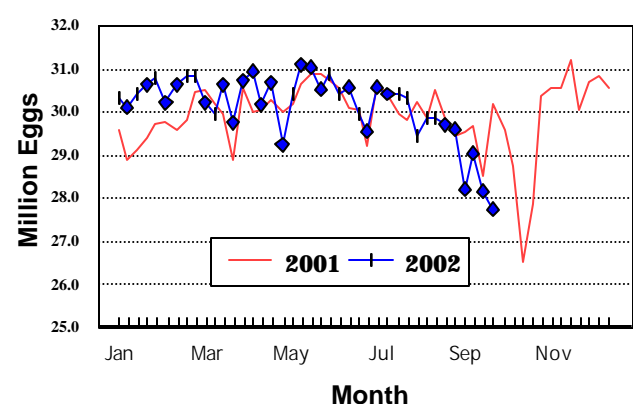
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 5, 2002, down 8 percent from the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 31	24,256	23,913	99	24,889	24,211	97	29,887	29,734	99
Sep. 7	22,787	23,531	103	24,665	24,472	99	29,469	29,592	100
Sep. 14	24,293	24,809	102	25,249	24,573	97	29,579	28,201	95
Sep. 21	22,941	24,224	106	24,739	24,474	99	29,665	29,050	98
Sep. 28	23,268	23,894	103	24,447	24,459	100	28,546	28,177	99
Oct. 5	22,290	22,026	99	24,395	23,261	95	30,178	27,733	92

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct		31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct	
Alabama	27,661 *	28,031	27,425	27,660	94	21,576	22,701	21,866	21,530	21,738	20,473	101
ARKANSAS	28,201	29,050	28,177	27,733	92	23,913	23,531	24,809	24,224	23,894	22,026	99
Delaware	3,351	3,091	3,198	3,408	97	5,511	5,394	4,889	5,601	4,541 *	5,255	123
Florida	2,166	2,192	2,254	2,168	97	2,126	2,222	1,938	2,228	2,110	2,278	103
Georgia	29,124 *	30,228	29,102	29,882	92	25,694	25,094	26,231 *	25,503 *	26,252 *	23,702	92
Kentucky	6,217 *	5,921	6,844	6,318	99	5,384	5,459	5,518	5,260	5,039	5,052	113
Maryland	9,061	8,711	9,242 *	8,898	94	6,255	6,270	6,187	5,765	5,502 *	4,934	93
Mississippi	17,502 *	17,540	17,244	17,390	95	15,956	15,940	15,372	15,340	15,348	14,622	107
N. Carolina	16,240 *	15,966	17,018	16,611	94	14,679	14,700	14,308	14,240	14,070	13,357	101
Oklahoma	6,652	5,975	4,013	4,631	76	4,143	4,742	4,136	4,623	3,846	5,470	104
Pennsylvania	3,550 *	3,358 *	3,505 *	3,746	101	2,746	2,780	2,810 *	2,796 *	2,779 *	2,636	100
S. Carolina	4,937	4,833	4,678	4,885	100	4,118	3,827	4,111	4,096	3,498	3,670	94
Texas	14,677 *	13,225 *	15,067 *	14,410	97	11,155	11,423 *	10,572 *	11,173 *	11,883 *	11,822	111
Virginia	5,809	4,987	6,104 *	5,751	90	4,613	4,611	5,422	4,938	5,204	4,937	118
CALAM,MO,TN,WV	16,833	17,036 *	18,756 *	19,079	96	18,614	18,542 *	18,585 *	17,910 *	18,866 *	16,543	90
Total 2002	191,981 *	190,144 *	192,627 *	192,570		166,483	167,236 *	166,754 *	165,227 *	164,570 *	156,777	
Total 2001	194,686	199,865	201,736	205,355		165,420	167,090	167,537	166,119	160,598	156,354	
% Prev. Year	99	95	95	94		101	100	100	99	102	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 193 million eggs during the week ending October 5, 2002. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 2002. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 5, 2002 were 6.76 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.